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It is my understanding that Monday, January 28, is the deadline for individuals to submit their opinions to the Department of Justice on the antitrust settlement between Microsoft, the DoJ and nine states.

I respectfully ask that you consider the value of competitive practices, not legal means, to attempt to capture customer market share. Microsoft spent over \$2.0 Billion in legal fees last year. They have agreed to make some concessions to abide by your original concerns and now we find lobbyists and competitors are forging ahead with competitive issues to keep Microsoft from carrying out their daily operations that have certainly meant a great deal to the day to day operation of each American's life to make it more productive and efficient.

While the terms of the settlement are tough, it is my understanding that Microsoft believes they are reasonable and fair to all parties, and meet ?? or go beyond -- the ruling by the Court of Appeals, and represent the best opportunity for Microsoft and the industry to move forward.

I respectfully ask that you not reject the settlement and get this legal mess behind us. Thank you for your consideration.

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